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be!" At the ditch which guards the first his mangle fell him, and the ball rickles -entlessly into the unplayable mire below.

A VITAMIN OBJECT.

Although the game is thus yet young P. glares around as if his fair relative were his deadly enemy and his out from between his teeth. "Just what I expected directly I saw you bent upon following me!" Miss P. nudges her mother into protesting silence; P. picks out and loses a stroke, and after many a muttered growl, chips his ball successfully on to the first green. He has the hole in the hole, and a fifteen-foot putt down. He goes on all fours and squints from the ball to the hole, and repeats the performance from the hole to the ball. He smooths the green elaborately with the back of his hand, addresses the ball five or six times only to unbind again in order to creep forward and pick up imaginary worms, and smooth away obstacles that exist only in the fevered brain of the one highly anxious and preoccupied performer. At last the psychological moment has been reached; the putter strikes the ball; it glides gracefully over the well-kept sward towards the hole. P. standing the while with a picture of intense apprehension. The little white globe runs direct up to the hole, is the eighteenth part of a penny weight too strong, hits the back of the hole obliquely, kicks up, waves on the edge momentarily, and finally sinks to rest in a microscopic depression in the green on the very lip of the hole!

"Hard cheese!" says P. in a reproachable tone. "I am a high-school winner," while Mrs. P. faintly whispers, "Oh, what a shame!"

Then it is that the hidden vice of P.'s character proclaims itself. The power of mere civilization is clean off. His wife, true to her traditional hatred of him, has maliciously designed it all that she may get over his undoing. His daughter is a vile minx, sagaciously forgetful of the thousand acts of kindness upon which she has battered. It is the last straw. The ladies gather up their skirts in bitter scorn and indignation, cast a hughty and contemptuous glance at the pitiful man, and hasten back to the club house.

"Now I will put it to you finally," says the mark of equity.

— T. M. M. in the "Daily Mail."

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Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before Noon, To-day, requesting it to be landed here.  
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned, and Goods remaining unclaimed after MONDAY, the 22nd October, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.  
All claims must be sent in to me on or before the 22nd October, or they will not be recognized.  
All damaged packages will be examined on MONDAY, the 22nd October, at 3 p.m. No Fire Insurance has been effected.  
G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.  
Hongkong, October 15, 1906. 1906

**NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.**  
FROM TRIESTE, PORT SAID, SUEZ, ADEN, BOMBAY, COLOMBO, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.  
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This Vessel brings cargo:—  
From Zanzibar ex s.s. Africa, transhipped at Aden.  
Optional Cargo will be discharged here, unless notice to the contrary be given immediately.  
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent in to the Office of the Undersigned before Noon, on the 23rd October, 1906, or they will not be recognized.  
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Bills of Lading will be countersigned by SANDER, WHEELER & Co., Agents.  
Hongkong, October 17, 1906. 2009

**NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.**  
THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S STEAMER MAZAGON FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.  
CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY'S GODOWNS at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark and delivery can be obtained on or after the 18th inst.  
Goods are landed:  
This Vessel brings Cargo:  
From CALCUTTA, ex s.s. FROM PERSIAN GULF, ex s.s. FROM B. & P.S.N. Co.'s steamers.  
Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 10 a.m.  
Goods not cleared by the 18th inst., as p.m., will be subject to rent.  
No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.  
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All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here after which date they cannot be recognized.  
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E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.  
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FROM MIDDLESBRO, ANTWERP AND LONDON.

THE Steamship FLINTSHIRE, Captain G. C. CROFT, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns at Kowloon and Godown Company, Ltd., at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.  
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SHEWAN TOMES & CO., General Agents.  
Hongkong, October 12, 1906. 1964

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STEAMER AUSTRALIEN.  
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from LONDON ex s.s. Bagdad and Medoa; from HAVRE ex s.s. Bagdad; from BORNEO ex s.s. Ville de Marseille, in connection with above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns at Kowloon and Godown Company, Ltd., at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.  
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## His Britannic Majesty's Ships on the China Station.

Name	Class	Tonnage	Comd.	L.H.P.	Captain	Last reported at
Albatross	despatch-vessel	1700	12	3000	Comdr. E. L. T. Latham	Hongkong
Astron	cruiser, 2nd class	4360	10	9000	Captain S. L. Vaughan Lee	Wei-hai-wei
Bramble	river gunboat	710	2	900	Lieut. Comdr. Davidson	Yangtze
Brimstone	river gunboat	710	2	900	Lieut. Comdr. Bamber	Hongkong
Cadmus	aloop	1070	6	1400	Comdr. Leard	Hongkong
Cherub	water tank and tug	390	—	900	—	Hongkong
Clia	aloop	1070	6	1400	Comdr. H. D. Wilkin, D.S.O.	Shanghai
Diadem	cruiser, 1st class	1000	16	1600	Capt. H. W. Savory, B.N.	Wei-hai-wei
Fama	torpedo boat destroyer	360	6	5700	Lieut. Comdr. Hughes	Hongkong
Flora	cruiser, 2nd class	4360	10	7000	Capt. Grant Dalton	Hongkong
Handy	torpedo boat destroyer	275	6	4000	Lieut. Comdr. Cox	Wei-hai-wei
Hart	torpedo boat destroyer	275	6	4000	Lieut. Comdr. Hantker Heston	Wei-hai-wei
Janus	torpedo boat destroyer	280	6	3300	Lieut. Comdr. W. H. Darwall	Wei-hai-wei
Kent	cruiser, 1st class	9000	14	22,000	Capt. De Horsey	Wei-hai-wei
King Alfred	cruiser, 1st class	1,000	14	1,000	Capt. Cecil F. Thurstley, R.N.	Wei-hai-wei
Kinsha	river gunboat	618	4	1200	Lt. Comdr. E. V. R. Dugan	Yangtze
Monmouth	cruiser, 1st class	9800	—	—	Capt. A. J. Tuke	Wei-hai-wei
Moorehead	river gunboat	183	2	900	Lt. Com. R. E. Vaughan	West River
Murphy	torpedo boat destroyer	350	6	4300	Lieut. Comdr. J. Kiddle	Wei-hai-wei
Prometheus	cruiser	4000	—	—	Capt. Woodcombe	Wei-hai-wei
Rambler	surveying vessel	635	6	450	Comdr. O. E. Moore	Hongkong
Robin	river gunboat	85	2	240	Lt. Comdr. C. C. Wal-	West River
Sandpiper	river gunboat	85	2	240	Lt. Com. B. T. Atter-	West River
Snipe	river gunboat	85	2	240	Lt. Comdr. Lyns	Yangtze
Talis	torpedo boat destroyer	250	6	3500	Reserve	Hongkong
Taliskin	surveying ship	824	—	—	Commodore Williams	Yangtze
Teal	river gunboat	180	2	800	Lt. Comdr. E. Scroton	Yangtze
Thistle	river gunboat	710	2	900	Lieut. Comdr. West	Shanghai
Virago	torpedo boat destroyer	355	6	4300	Lieut. Comdr. Stevenson	Wei-hai-wei
Waterwitch	surveying ship	620	—	—	Comdr. R. W. Glennie	Surveying
Whiting	torpedo boat	360	6	400	Lieut. Com. O. E. L. Thomas	Wei-hai-wei
Wildgoose	river gunboat	185	2	800	Lt. Comdr. J. Y. Spoor-Simo	Upper Yangtze
Wolverhampton	river gunboat	180	2	800	Ident. (s.s.) Wright	Upper Yangtze

## Foreign Mail on the China and Japan Station.

Name	Flag and Description	Tonnage	Comd.	L.H.P.	Captain	Last reported at
Kaiser F. Panther	Austro-Hungarian cruiser	4360	19	9000	Capt. Ferdinand Böhner	Shanghai
	Austro-Hungarian cruiser	1850	12	6000	Captain F. Kersch	Hongkong
Achilles	French armoured cruiser	1700	10	1700	Lieut. Ferres	Haiphong
Adour	French receiving ship	—	—	—	Lieut. Merle	Haiphong
Alouette	torpedo boat	125	—	600	Commander Rivet	Cape St. James
Argus	French gunboat	—	—	150	Lieut. Jeanne	Canton
Carondelet	French gunboat	645	10	1000	Lieut. Huet	Salon
Decade	French cruiser	11,242	—	—	Lieut. L'Eves	Salon
D'Entrecasteaux	French cruiser	3945	14	5500	Capt. Tracou	Salon
Descartes	French armoured cruiser	10,014	38	20,000	Comdr. Anet	Kiukiang
Dupetit-Thouars	French submarine	308	7	8300	Lieut. Coquilhin	Salon
Eclair	French destroyer	350	7	803	Lieut. Garreau	Salon
France	French destroyer	376	8	9000	Lieut. Saint-Rain	Hongkong
Gueydon	French cruiser	9700	—	—	Captain Ribaud	Salon
Guichenot	French gunboat	200	6	308	Lieut. Portier	Yokohama
Henri Rivet	French gunboat	307	7	300	Lieut. Corleux	Salon
Jacquin	French destroyer	1950	—	—	Comdr. Sagot-Davaneux	Salon
Javeline	French cruiser	307	6	300	Commander Simon	Salon
Kersaint	French submarine	9700	12	16,000	Lieut. Arambazet	Salon
Lynx	French cruiser	307	6	300	Capt. Martel	Salon
Montcalm	French gunboat	—	—	—	Lieut. du Chemin	Salon
Moscou	French gunboat	—	—	—	Capt. Grallier	Salon
Olype	French gunboat	—	—	—	Lieut. Laviere	Chongking
Pelée	French torpedo-boat	350	7	300	Lieut. de Raimach Werth	Tongku
Platane	French submarine	—	—	—	Lieut. Gloriot	Hongay
Portes	French torpedo boat	943	8	6071	Lt. Vincent de Brichgasse	Salon
Rapier	French battleship	1798	10	1700	Reserve	Salon
Redoutable	French gunboat	1798	10	1700	Lieut. Leball	Hongkong
Seydlitz	French gunboat	250	6	450	Capt. Duplex	Salon
Taliskin	French destroyer	6160	25	4800	Capt. Terquem	Salon
Taken	French battleship (reserve)	183	7	500	Lieut. Brugnon	Hongay
Vauban	French gunboat	11,000	36	14,000	Captain Wilken	Hongkong
Vigilante	German flag	1090	10	1800	Comdr. Baron von M. Hülsemann	Hongkong
Worm	German gunboat	800	10	1300	Comdr. Kloebe	Hongkong
Yaguar	German gunboat	850	10	1344	Comdr. Hartog	Hongkong
Lucas	German gunboat	1008	8	875	Comdr. Lubbert	Putras
Möwe	German cruiser	—	—	—	Capt. Witschel	Hongkong
Niebuhr	German torpedo-boat	—	—	—	Capt. Lieut. Wing-Müller	Tientsin
S. 90	German torpedo-boat	—	—	—	Capt. Lieut. Walter	Tientsin
Tiger	German gunboat	900	10	1800	Comdr. Abeken	Japan
Teufel	German gunboat	170	6	1800	Capt. Lieut. Giebler	Canton
Vogel	German gunboat	3	5	500	Capt. Lieut. von Balow	Yangtze River
Vaterland	German gunboat	—	3	500	Capt. Lieut. Ferbon	Yangtze River
Calabria	Italian cruiser	2300	10	7471	Capt. Marenco	Salon
Elba	Italian cruiser	2600	—	—	Captain Borea Ricci	Shanghai
Puglia	Italian cruiser	2498	29	7000	Capt. Possetto	Suez
Adamaster	Portuguese cruiser	1860	14	4000	Captain d'Antes Ribeiro	Macao
Diu	Portuguese gunboat	720	—	—	Captain Coutinho	Macao
Amoy	U. S. gunboat	420	7	6000	Ensign A. K. Shoop	Philippines
Baltimore	U. S. torpedo-boat destroyer	4600	—	—	Lieut. Woodward	Japan
Batimore	U. S. cruiser	420	7	8000	Capt. Sargeant	Manila
Barry	U. S. gunboat	208	10	800	Lieut. Irwin	Hongkong
Callao	U. S. gunboat	8100	15	4500	Ensign Guy Witlock	Canton
Chancellorsville	U. S. cruiser	450	7	800	Commodore Alex. Sharp	Manila
Chautauque	U. S. torpedo-boat destroyer	3218	19	7500	Lieut. E. P. Jones	Manila
Cincinnati	U. S. gunboat	420	7	8000	Comdr. J. M. Robinson	Philippines
Concord	U. S. gunboat	420	7	8000	Comdr. C. J. Boush	Manila
Dale	U. S. torpedo-boat destroyer	420	7	8000	Reserve	Manila
Deaunter	U. S. torpedo-boat destroyer	420	7	8000	Reserve	Manila
Eleanore	U. S. gunboat	560	10	8000	Lt. Comdr. H. Rodman	Philippines
Memphisto	U. S. gunboat	359	8	3000	Comdr. W. F. Coffin	Hongkong
Minneapolis	U. S. battleship	12,000	—	—	Captain Logan	Yokohama
Pampanga	U. S. gunboat	201	3	250	Ensign J. W. Hayward	Cavite
Parangana	U. S. gunboat	201	3	250	Ensign A. B. Reed	Cavite
Quincy	U. S. gunboat	—	—	—	Lieut. C. R. Train	Manila
St. Albans	U. S. cruiser	4000	14	7500	Comdr. J. C. Gilmore	Manila
St. Albans	U. S. cruiser	3513	12	7500	Capt. P. F. Fletcher	Shanghai
Vallhalla	U. S. gunboat	847	8	600	Lieut. F. L. Finney	Manila
Vincennes	U. S. gunboat	1597	8	1834	Commodore W. L. Rodgers	Manila
Wilmington	U. S. battleship	12,000	50	12,500	Captain Franklin J. Drake	Manila



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MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Meeting.

9 p.m.—Meeting of Kowloon Cricket

Club at Seaman's Institute, Kowloon.

Miscellaneous.

Goods per Nanyang undelivered after

4 p.m. on this date will be landed.

General Memoranda.

TUESDAY, October 21:—

Noon—Meeting of Canton Insurance

Office, Ltd., at Jardine, Matheson &amp;

Co.'s Office.

9.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furni-

ture, at Nos. 51 &amp; 52, King Road,

Kowloon.

WEDNESDAY, October 22:—

9.30 a.m.—Military Gun Practice.

Goods per Nanyang undelivered after this

date at Noon will be subject to rent

and landing charges.

THURSDAY, October 23:—

9.30 a.m.—Auction of Household Furni-

ture, at Messrs Hughes &amp; Hough's

Sales Rooms.

Goods per Nanyang undelivered after this

date subject to rent.

FRIDAY, October 24:—

Goods per Nanyang not cleared on this

date subject to rent.

Goods per Nanyang not cleared at 4 p.m. on

this date subject to rent.

The China Mail

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1906.

THE PRICE OF SILVER

The Government of the Straits Settlements

has decided that the effect of the

dollar at 9/4 has not had the effect of

doing away with the silver problem.

Our cable message informs us that a

notification has been issued at Singapore

to the effect that in consequence

of the rise in the price of silver a bill

is to be introduced empowering the

Currency Commissioners to pay notes

either in gold or silver, at their option.

The Government is also announced

accepts gold in payment of dues.

Although this tinkering at the problem

is open to some extent to censure the

Straits Settlements Government is in

any case entitled to credit for an

endeavour to grapple with it. An

arbitrary fixing of the value of the

dollar would be all right if it could be

guaranteed that external causes would

not force the price still higher. There

seems a possibility at all events that

the dollar will rise above 9/4 which

will cause the gold system of the Straits

to crumple up at once. A gold

standard would be all right for a

country, the exports and imports of

which exactly balanced, or a creditor

country. But circumstances as the

British Colonies and Settlements are

in the Far East it is impossible for

them to fix a gold standard before

China adopts the system. China is not

likely to do this for some time to come.

She is profiting by the high exchange

on the instalments she is paying of her

national debt, although, it may be

recalled with amusement, she fought

hard for the privilege of paying in

silver. While not professing to have

much special knowledge in regard to

the currency question we claim to be as

well qualified as anyone else to remark

the effects of the high price of the

dollar. Great suffering is undoubtedly

being caused to men who are paid on a

sterling basis and this seems to us to

justify palliative measures which,

although perhaps not strictly scientific,

would afford relief in quarters where it

is obviously required. The present

position is a modern exemplification of

the truth of the affirmation "to him

that bath to him shall be given and

from him that bath not shall be taken

away even that which he hath." Our

Government should make still another

effort, following the example set by the

Straits, to better conditions even though

the expedients adopted may have to be

temporary and economically indefen-

sible.

JURYMEN.

GENERAL dissatisfaction is felt by

those gentlemen who were summoned

as special jurors to attend the Supreme

Court at 10 o'clock this morning. The

cases for which they had been called

had been previously postponed until

the end of the Sessions, and on the

opening of the Court the Jurors were

informed that they would not be re-

quired until Tuesday. These special

jurors are men of influential standing

in the Colony, and time is of great im-

portance to them. They appeared

according to summons, to find that the

Chief Justice did not think it was so

important for him to take his seat at

the appointed time, for it was 10.15

before he put in an appearance, and

then, instead of apologising to them

he had kept waiting, he delivered to

the special jurors a lecture which might

have had some effect during their

school-boy days. This lecture was on

excuses which had been legitimately

sent to the Registrar, for at the bottom

of the summons appears this sentence:

"Excuses should be sent to the Re-

gistrar of the Court. If excuses had

been sent by some of those who had

been summoned which from the re-

marks of the Chief Justice must have

been a case, there would not have been

for the Chief Justice to lecture the

whole Court. If the Jurors had con-

sidered the summons to be a joke they

and would have been met had he

simply instructed the Registrar to

refuse to accept them. It is undev-

ing enough for a juror to find he is

not wanted at the Court after having

made special business arrangements

to get there, that he should be sub-

mitted to a lecture that does not concern

him. The whole incident seems to

show a want of consideration on

the part of the Judicial Bench for

those men who, when called, are equally

an important as those performed by

the Chief Justice. An anecdotal sum-

mons could have been served rendering

attendance on the part of special

jurors unnecessary until the day on

which they were required.

LOCAL AND COAST NEWS.

According to the Canton Daily News,

a director of the Canton Arsenal was on the

"Hankow" when she was burst at Hong-

kong. He had \$300,000 in cheques and

12 parcels of drafts to deposit which were

all lost. They were put in the Arsenal's

office for safe keeping.

This appears in the London Times

about our typhoon: "Vessels were

pitched ashore all along the water front,

and the docks and seawalls were strewn

with wreckage. Vessels, of all kinds lay

piled up in the streets, and the flooded

highways were blocked with debris. The

great loss of life was among the natives.

The Pearl River was crowded with their

boats, hundreds of which sank when the

storm burst. It is now feared that the loss

of life will far exceed 100, but it is not

possible to estimate the number with any

degree of accuracy."

The "Kinsan"















